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Herb Yazhe, Monument Valley Park
Manager at Goulding's Lodge, July 26, 2012
(Photo by Geri Hongeva)

“Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park Manager Retires”

MONUMENT VALLEY, UT. – A job well done by a man full of wisdom and a positive mentor for anyone who had a chance to work beside him.

Navajo Parks and Recreation Staff from all six tribal parks gathered together to say “Thank You,” to Herb Yazhe, Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park Manager on July 26, 2012 at Goulding's Lodge for his retirement dinner.

Herb Yazhe influenced many. Marie Yazzie Cly, who worked closely with Mr. Yazhe at Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, stated “Herb has been a good mentor to me and I am thankful for how he would look at situations from a different perspective. I admired that. I wish him the best.”



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Guest speaker, James Black, President of Oljato Chapter added, "It is very difficult to be a leader in your community but I have seen Herb Yazhe go through difficult situations by asking for advice to make a positive impact for the community. He has endured a lot and we have helped each other, many times. He demonstrates good leadership here."

Accomplishing eight years as the Park Manager at Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, he has worn many hats in his career. With a total of 14 years at Canyon de Chelly National Park, he came back to Navajo Parks and Recreation where he initially started in May 1960. With an impressive resume, Navajo Parks & Recreation invited him back after his initial retirement in January 2004.

Martin L. Begaye, Department Manager of Navajo Parks and Recreation stated, "Navajo Tribal Parks was in need of a good park manager at Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, and with his extensive knowledge in Parks and Recreation, he came back to help us. He has done his job well here and we wish him the best with his family."

Herb Yazhe encouraged everyone by stating, "Navajo Parks and Recreation has great potential. Remain positive and speak with respect to one another. I would like to see our own young people to take leadership here and take my place. It's time for me to move on and focus on my family."



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Special songs were sang for Mr. Yazhe from Dorothy Bigman and her students, Devon Denny and Mieshia Holiday. All of whom are from the Monument Valley community.

Ronnie Biard, General Manager of Goulding's Lodge came to say, "Thank You Herb for your leadership and dedication to this community, we all appreciate your time." The dinner was sponsored by Goulding's Lodge, in appreciation for all the hard work that Mr. Yazhe had accomplished.

Herb Yazhe leaves big shoes to fill at Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. He has influenced many, taught an infinite amount of individuals and has left an impression that will be missed at Navajo Parks and Recreation.

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